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REDDING MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott and Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division Matthew Friedrich announced today that United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell Jr. sentenced RON SEAN ARTER Jr., 29, of Redding, Calif., to 10 years in prison to be followed by three years of supervised release for possession of child pornography and violation of his supervised release conditions. He pleaded guilty on September 19, 2008.

This case is the product of a joint investigation of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) High Technology Investigative Unit, and the Redding Police Department.

This case emerged out of Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorney's Offices, PSC marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about PSC, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Camil A. Skipper and CEOS Trial Attorney Bonnie L. Kane, ARTER was convicted in 2002 of possession and transportation of child pornography and sentenced to 33 months in prison. In 2004, ARTER began a three-year term of supervised release, the conditions of which required ARTER to not commit another criminal offense, possess pornographic material or use a computer to access the Internet.

According to information contained in plea documents, while on supervised release in 2006, ARTER was arrested in Redding after police discovered that he was using a concealed camera to film underneath the skirt of an 11-year-old girl. Information contained in the plea documents also revealed that ARTER filmed underneath the skirts of other minor girls and adult women in various stores and public places in the Redding area. He also used his girlfriend's laptop computer to download and possess child pornography from the Internet.

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